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a web server for providing web pages of television program listings over the Internet, wherein the web server provides the user with an opportunity to select a television program from the television program listings web pages provided over the Internet, allows the user to order at least one e-mail reminder message for that television program, and sends the e-mail reminder message to the multimedia system over the Internet via e-mail to remind the user when that television program is to be broadcast.

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20. (Thrice Amended) A method for providing e-mail reminder messages of scheduled television events to a user at a multimedia system over the Internet using an Internet television program guide system, the method comprising:

providing television program listings over the Internet;

selecting a television program from the television program listings provided over the Internet; and

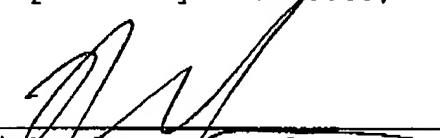
providing e-mail reminder messages to the multimedia system over the Internet via e-mail that remind the user when the television program is to be broadcast.

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview of May 17, 2002. As discussed during the interview, applicants have amended claims 1 and 20. No new matter has been added by the claim amendments and the amended claims are fully supported by the specification.

Reconsideration and allowance of this patent application are respectfully requested.

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